

ALLEY SG – October 25th- 26th, 2025

Today's Bible Story: The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

Conversation Starter: Why do your choices matter?

Today's Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

Monthly Memory Verse: *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

1. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: "Fast Pass" Activity Page (one per kid), markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Fast Pass card from the "Fast Pass" Activity Page.
- Set out the markers
- On the back of the card, invite the kids to write their names and draw a picture of an action step they can take this week that connects with the question on the card.
 - Example: If the card talks about being gentle with words, they might draw themselves speaking kindly to a friend or sibling.
- Give the kids time to think and draw.
- After several minutes, invite them to share their drawings with the entire group.
- Explain that wisdom is more than just knowing what God wants you to do. It's about choosing to live it out!
- Share with kids that they can choose to talk to God before reacting, choose to say kind words, choose to walk away from trouble, etc.

2. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: Blocks

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into 2 groups.
- Give each group enough blocks to build a base.
- Instruct all of the teams to build a base with their blocks.
- Place the remaining blocks in a pile in your group area, an equal distance away from all teams' bases.
- Say, "Each of you is part of a team of builders. Your goal is to build the tallest, strongest tower. But there's a twist. On your turn, you can either: run and take a block from the center pile, OR steal one block from another team's tower."
- Explain that during each round, kids are to take turns one at a time, and on their turn they can:
 - Take a block from the center to build.
 - Or, take one block from another team.
- Set your phone timer for two minutes (or watch the clock) and start the game.
- When the time is up, signal the kids to freeze and examine the towers.

- Use the Bible Story Talk below to recap in between each round.
- Play several rounds of the game.
- After all of the rounds are completed, pause and discuss.
 - How did it feel when someone stole your team's block?
 - What were you focused on: winning or building wisely?

Bible Story Talk

- Invite several kids to recap the Bible Story in three words.
 - *Example: Kings, selfish, unwise, wise*
- Say: "Today's Bible Story showed us ups and downs of kings who had choices to make. Some chose to follow God and God's ways, and the people they reigned over were blessed! Other kings didn't, and it caused a lot of trouble. God's way is always the best way to live."
- Ask: "Our lives are built on choices. When we choose to think only about ourselves or too much about others (like when you went to take blocks from the other team), what are the consequences?"

3. Discussion Questions

- Why do your choices matter?
- If you could ask God for anything today, what would it be?
- How do you think asking the Holy Spirit for help changes the way we make choices?
- What could you ask the Holy Spirit before you have to make a choice?
- What are some wise choices that you think Jesus lived out?
- What do you think it means to "build" your life on godly wisdom?

4. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, Toy crown

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Proverbs 16:16 using the Bible Navigation Tips below.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Play worship music on your phone if you are able (if not just say stop at random times) and instruct the kids to pass the crown around the circle.
- When the music stops, whoever's holding the crown must stand up, put it on, and recite Proverbs 16:16.
 - Keep the game fun by prompting the kids to pass the crown faster each round.
- If they get stuck, encourage the other kids to help.
- Keep playing as interest allows, or until every kid gets a turn to stand up, wear the crown, and recite the verse.
- After finishing the verse, challenge the kids to finish this sentence:
 - *One place I want to make wiser choices is ... (Kids might say: with friends, at school, online, at home, etc.*

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- *God, thank You so much for bringing people into our lives. Thank You for friends, leaders, and others who remind us and challenge us to live more like Your Son, Jesus. When we say yes to Jesus, You welcome us into Your family, and that means we’re all connected! Help us to find friends who follow You and love You, friends who show their faith in You by how they live and treat others. Help us to ultimately be that friend for others too. You know best, so help us to seek You for wisdom about our lives. We love You so much, God. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to tell their grown-ups why their choices matter.